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Office of Compliance (CHFZ-307)
Attn: Electronic Products Branch (Mr. Frank Mackison)
Center for Devices of Radiological Health
2098 Gaither Road
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mr. Mackison,

The AN/PAQ-4C is a Class IIIb Infrared Laser Aiming Device. Therefore, in accordance with 21 CFR 1010.4, Insight Technology, Inc. formally requests a variance based on the following information.

The AN/PAQ-4C aiming light projects an infrared laser beam, which cannot be seen with the eye but can be seen with night vision devices. The device incorporates a normally OFF/momentarily ON pressure switch that would serve the function of both the emission indicator and beam attenuator within the intent of the regulations. This allows the operator to conduct surveillance operations without detection, under the cloak of darkness. Any audible or visible emission indicator could seriously compromise the safety of law enforcement officers in performance of their duties.

The AN/PAQ-4C mounts on various weapons with mounting brackets and adapters. Pressing on the ON/OFF, switch lever activates the AN/PAQ-4C. The switch connects power from two AA Batteries to an internal electronic circuit, which produces the infrared laser beam. The AN/PAQ-4C will only project an infrared beam while the operator is pressing the ON/OFF switch. A protective guard that fits closely around the ON/OFF switch lever prevents inadvertent activation of the AN/PAQ-4C. Internal lenses focus the infrared light into a narrow beam.

Adjusters are used to zero the Aiming Light to the weapon. The direction of the beam is adjusted by rotating the mechanical adjusters with click detents. Once zeroed to the weapon, the Aiming Light projects the beam along the line of fire of the weapon. The Optical Baffle prevents off-axis viewing of the Aiming Light beam. The Beam Divergence of the AN/PAQ-4C is 0.3 mr.

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The proper handling of a firearm as directed by Military and Law Enforcement Community requires the muzzle of the weapon to remain pointed at the ground until a threat requires defensive action. This action permits an additional safety precaution against accidental exposure to the IR Laser should the operator inadvertently press the OFF/ON switch and activate the laser.

The intended use of this product is by government, military and law enforcement agencies in the routine execution of their duties. Insight Technology, Inc. restricts the sale and resale of the AN/PAQ-4C, Laser Aiming light to government, military and law enforcement agencies, including law enforcement personnel. A statement of this policy can be viewed on the request for quote and technical data sheet.

If you have any questions or need additional data please call me at (603) 626-4800 EXT: 2451 or fax me on (603) 647-7234.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Feinauer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Feinauer
Manager Business Development